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Short-handed S.A. wins 119-107 over New York

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Quarter of a century

- Thursday's game marked its 25th edition

Team visits

- TCU's second trip, and the first for Stanford

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VALERO ALAMO BOWL

TCU is able to do it again

For the second time in as many Alamo Bowl appearances, the Horned Frogs stage a comeback. They beat the Stanford Cardinal, 39-37. **Sports, C1**

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Former state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte hugs Denver McClendon, husband of Ruth Jones McClendon, at the funeral for the former state representative.

Good-byes are said to Rep. McClendon

Colleagues and constituents gather

By Vincent T. Davis and Allison Morris
STAFF WRITER

The funeral Mass for former state Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon began Thursday morning with the tolling of bells, the hymn, "Soon and Very Soon," and pallbearers accompanying the casket into the sanctuary of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Before the service began, constituents and longtime colleagues from across the state bid their final farewells to the woman known for seeking justice for seniors, the young and the homeless. They gathered at the altar and offered condolences and prayers to her family, where her white casket was at rest amid floral bouquets and white, winter poinsettias.

McClendon died Dec. 19 at age 74.

Among the pallbearers was

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Symphony concerts are left hanging

Musicians hoping to see an 11th-hour agreement

By Steve Bennett
STAFF WRITER

With the San Antonio Symphony musicians' contract set to expire Sunday, an orchestra representative said next week's Tricentennial celebration concerts are up in the air.

While hanging onto hope that labor talks will continue, musicians Thursday also blasted a nonprofit group that was expected to assume orchestra management for what they called "a union-busting power play."

"At this point, we plan to be at rehearsal on Jan. 3," said symphony violinist Craig Sorgi, negotiating chairman of the Musicians of the San Antonio Symphony. "There have been no cancellations, no work stoppages, and there is still time on the clock to come to an agreement. It's not impossible."

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Law officers from agencies including the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, the San Antonio Police Department and the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office line a sidewalk and salute as the casket is carried.

Tenderest of farewells

Hundreds mourn for 6-year-old accidentally shot by deputies

By John MacCormack
STAFF WRITER

The last ride for Kameron Prescott, the little boy who wanted to become a fireman, came Thursday morning in a fire engine red casket with a smoke-eater's ax and helmet attached on top.

His fireman uncle, Mike Martin, who had inspired the child's passion, was one of the four pallbearers who gently escorted him past a police honor guard to a waiting white Cadillac hearse.

The funeral at the Universal City United Methodist Church came a week after Kameron, 6, was accidentally and fatally shot by Bexar County deputies in his home at a Schertz mobile home park.

Also killed was a woman with a felony record who had broken into the Prescott home, and according to police, appeared to be holding a gun.

The entire episode is being investigated by Bexar County authorities.

Nearly 600 people, including teachers, friends, family, police and firefighters, came together for the 10 a.m. service Thursday. They filled the main sanctuary to standing room only, and spilled out into two overflow rooms. At the request of the family, the service was closed to the media.

"It was a very tender, and at times tearful service," said the Rev. Linda Baumheckel, senior pastor of the host church, "and at times there was laughter as people remembered the funniness and joy of the child."

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Christopher S. Prescott (center) walks with his wife, Pamela, after the service at United Methodist Church in Universal City for his son, 6-year-old Kameron.

IRS has plugged a loophole on property taxes

By Lynn Brezosky
STAFF WRITER

What had been a flood of taxpayers hoping to prepay 2018 property taxes before a cap on deductions takes effect under the new GOP tax bill turned into a trickle after the IRS issued guidelines Wednesday quashing those attempts.

Lisa Anderson, chief deputy of administration for the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector, said 157 people rushed into the North Pecos Street office Tuesday and Wednesday after hearing they could lock in sizable deductions by prepaying their estimated property tax bills for 2018.

The law signed by President Donald Trump last Friday limits deductions for state, local and property taxes to $10,000, combined. Under the law still in effect until Dec. 31, the deduction for all three is unlimited.

So as of Wednesday morning, a taxpayer who estimated 2018 property taxes at $15,000 thought he could prepay $5,000 that can't be

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Cementville helped fuel city's growth
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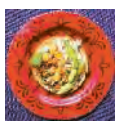

365 days of tacos

Shrimp taco on a corn tortilla from Ácenar. **See ExpressNews.com/Tacos**

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